ables against its own Additional Import Licences. The items which can be imported against these Licences are subject to the Import-Export Policy of the relevant period and the raw material requirements of the small scale units.

(b) NSIC has so far not imported any OGL items in bulk under the IRMAC scheme as per import and Export Policy, April, 1988—March, 1991.

(c) NSIC is not a canalising agency for any item.

(d) NSIC imports those items which are needed by the small scale units in case they are unable to procure on their own because of financial constraints, lack of information etc. These units should be registered with the respective State Directorate of Industries as small scale units.

**Agreement signed with UNIDO for modernisation of small scale sector**

4537. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has recently signed an agreement with the United Nations International Development Organisation (UNIDO) for modernisation of small scale sector in the country through the Italian Federation of Small and Medium Industries; if so, what are the details of the agreement;

(b) what are the types/names of items in which the Italian Federation or the Italian firms could offer most modern and sophisticated technology transfer on turnkey basis to Indian small scale Industries and by when it will start operating and also the names and addresses of the agency/agencies to be contacted for such technology transfer, and

(c) whether similar proposal has also been offered by other countries or their trade/commerce organisation; if so, what are the names of such countries and the details of their offer, countrywise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) UNIDO has a project to arrange plant-level cooperation between the small and medium industries in Italy and other developing countries, which includes India also. This project proposal has been accepted by the Government. However, no formal agreement has been signed by India with UNIDO in this regard.

(b) Under the UNIDO project four sub-sectors of industry namely (i) metal engineering, (ii) leather processing, goods and machinery, (iii) food processing and packaging, and (iv) granite and marble have been identified for plant-level cooperation between the small and medium industries in India and Italy. Small Industries Development Organisation is the Nodal Agency in India for the project.

(c) There is no other offer of project proposals of this kind from any other country.